FLAT DENIAL BY CORTELYOU

THAT HE'S BEEN PULLING WIRES FOR THE NOMINATION.

ies Statement From Sick Bed Saying He's Not a Candidate and Hasn't Worked for or Against Any One-If He Decides to Run He'll Say So Frankly and Tell Why.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- From a sick bed in his home here Secretary Cortelyou issued this evening a statement in which he denounced as false the reports cirrulated recently in regard to his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Mr. Cortelyou denies that he was or is a candidate for any office. If he should decide to be a candidate he will say so. He refutes the allegations that he influenced Federal officeholders to work for his political promotion and declares that he will not do so. This is the statement:

December 17, 1907. I do not know that I am called pon to of the various rumors in circulation as to the alleged political activity of friends of mine in my interest I will say that I have not been candidate for anything but the confidence f the people in the discharge of my duties

Secretary of the Treasury, I have not in person sought nor have the riends whose names have been mentioned in this connection sought to influence political novements in my interest. I have not nor have they used any influence directly or indirectly to secure political support for or against any candidate for the Presidency, and accusations that such has been done are

In no office, in no one of the three departments with which I have been connected have I authorized or permitted officials or employees to attempt to influence any such movements, nor shall I do so. In common with many other citizens, I have decided views as to policies and as to candidates, but shall refrain from expressing them until believe it is proper for me to do so.

Upon this statement I am entirely content to leave the people to draw their own condusiens regarding such rumors as those to which I have referred. If in the future shall decide to be a candidate for any office I shall be prepared to say so frankly and state the grounds upon which I ask for sup-In the meantime I shall try, as I have tried in the past, to conduct the Treasury Department for the benefit of the people of whole country and absolutely without regard to whether any action I may take in the line of my duty may adversely affect my personal or political welfare. GEORGE B. CORTELYOU.

Mr. Cortelyou's public declaration follows the flood of rumor which was started by President Roosevelt's announcement of December 11 that he would adhere to his previously expressed determination not to he a candidate for a third term.

Circumstantial accounts, alleged to be accurate, were put forth in an attempt to show that the President had ascertained hat Mr. Cortelyou was furthering the wird term idea in the hope of helping his own chances for the Presidency and hurting those of Secretary Tast, and that the President issued his new renunciation to put a stop to the reported work of Mr. Cortelyou and his political agents,

It was apparent that these accounts were being fostered from a common source. While much of the talk directed against Mr. Cotelyou had come from weak kneed | That is why they came by the California. Taft's political advancement, friends of Mr. Cortelyou became satisfied that the real inspiration of the anti-Cortelyou propaganda was to be found elsewhere and that its object was not so much to help Mr. Taft as to hurt Mr. Cortelyou

Personal as well as political considera tions were assigned as the reasons for this attempt to discredit the Secretary of the Treasury with President Roosevelt. The stories which have appeared in newspapers to show that Mr. Cortelyou was engaged in an unauthorized use of President Rooseveit's name to further Mr. Cortelyou's own political ends were put forth in such a way and with narration of alleged detail that many were misled into believing that their source was semi-authoritative.

In order to prevent misunderstanding it should be made clear that nothing has come to light to indicate that President Roosevelt believed that his Secretary of the Treasury had been guilty of political activity of a character which the President disapproved. There is no evidence that the President had said one unkind word of Mr. Cortelyou

The persistent reports that Mr. Cortelyou ould resign from the Cabinet as a result of a belief on Mr. Roosevelt's part that Mr. telyou had been using his influence as a arblic officer to injure the political prosects of Mr. Taft were designated by the ident as "preposterous." Mr. Cortelthat he will retain the Treasury portfolio.

ce the President's announcement of last Wednesday that he would not again be la candidate Mr. Cortelyou has maintained a calm demeanor that was regarded as wonderful in the face of the efforts which he knew were being made to discredit him with the President and the country. Not word was uttered by Mr. Cortelyou that could be construed into an indication of belief on his part that the President regarded him as guilty of the political moves

with which he was being charged. It is believed by Mr. Cortelyou's friends, however, that he suffered keenly under the efforts to show that he had not been open and above board. He took to his bed to-day and it is asserted that the light attack of grip from which he is suffering has been aggravated by the mental anxiety of the past week, coming on top of the long strain to which the financial panic subjected him. Dr. W. C. P. Hazen, Mr. Cortelyou's physician, has ordered him to remain indoors until he has recovered completely and has

forbidden work of any sort. There is reason to believe that President Roosevelt and Mr. Cortelyou have had a free and frank talk since the publication of the rumors intended to cause trouble between them and that if there was misunderstanding it has been cleared up. Not one iota of evidence was ever produced to show that Mr. Cortelyou had been working directly or through agents to further Mr. Cortelyou's chances for the

Presidential nomination One disappointed Southern politician whose attempt to control political patronage in his State had not been successful made angry statements which were construed as meaning that the Cortelyou m was being fostered in the South, and this was seized upon by enemies of the secretary of the Treasury to attempt to

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discredit him with President Roosevelt. It is now known that there was no foundation for the irritable outburst of the Southern politician.

The Taft managers have been industriously engaged in circulating things designed to hurt Mr. Cortelyou, but it is now predicted that in the face of Mr. Cortelyou's tement of to-night and what he will learn at the White House and elsewhere about the manner in which his political campaign has been conducted, Secretary Taft will, take measures soon after his arrival in Washington that will give the country something to talk about for sev-

WOULDN'T DRINK TO ROOSEVELT.

Two Hundred Canadian Sportsmen Ignore the President as a Mighty Hunter.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 17 .- Dr. William Long has returned from Montreal, where he was the guest, of honor and delivered an address at the forty-ninth annual dinner of the Province of Quebec Fish and Game Protective Association, an organization composed of prominent business and professional men of Montreal and other Canadian cities.

Among the guests were Mayor Ekers of Montreal, Col. Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and Cy Warman, the author.

At the height of the dinner a banqueter arose and with uplifted cup said:

"Gentlemen, we have drunk to our King, to our guest of the evening and to others, but there is one omission I believe we have made. I propose the health of Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States!" A hush came over the banquet. All eyes were turned on the speaker but not a glass was raised. Again he said: "I propose a toast to Theodore Rooseveit!"

This time the silence was broken. "Shut up!" "Sit down!" and "Forget it!" oried the 200 banqueters. They paid no further attention to the toastmaker, and without drinking the toast they proceeded with the banquet

Asked if he cared to comment on incident to-night, Dr. Long said:

"I carefully avoided any mention of Mr. Roosevelt in my speech and have no comment to make on the incident, save that it shows clearly what 200 real sportsmen think of Mr. Roosevelt."

SEAGOING BRIDES CLUB.

Seven Young Scotch Women Arrive to Make Seven Scotchmen Happy.

Seven young Scotch women who arrived vesterday aboard the Anchor Line steamship California found out before the ship was half a day from Glasgow that they were all bound for America on similar missions. The man in every case is Scotch and has been here some time saving up his money to bring his girl across first cabin and marry her in manner befitting a well to do adopted American. The young women formed a brides' club on the trip and promised one another to write and tell about the wedding.

In the steerage of the California were 250 Russian immigrants, mostly Jaws, who had seen-booked to sail by the Astoria. They saw the Astoria in dock when the tide was low and they did not like the look of her as compared with the big, new, high-sided California. They declared that they would not sail on the smaller ship and the officials of the line could not induce them to do so.

GOLDFIELD IN DARKNESS.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 17 .- The town tonight is in total darkness, the wires between

Many people are alarmed and have ap pealed to Gen. Funston to patrol the town so as to guard against robbery and violence. The power wires come from Bishop, in

Inyo county, fifty miles distant Gen. Funston and Gov. Sparks, who were to leave to-morrow, will now remain

The wires that were cut not only supply the town with light and power but furnish current to the mines as well. At the Goldfield Consolidated mine more than a hundred non-union men were at work to-day. and to-morrow this number would have been increased to 200.

The Federal investigation commission began its work yesterday. To-day it began considering the statement submitted by the Mine Owners Association. The mine owners allege that the Western Federation of Miners is not a labor organization but a combination in restraint of trade.

HIT BY AUTO IN BROADWAY.

Contractor J. W. Jordan Knocked Over and Taken Home

John W. Jordan, former Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and now a contractor and builder, was painfully injured last night by an automobile at Broadway and Forty-third street. He had just stepped from the curb when a big machine operated by George A. Curtis of 235 West Thirtyeighth street came whizzing along and struck Jordan.

He was spun around and thrown against a passerby and both of them fell to the sidewalk. Jordan's left side and hip were injured, but he refused to go to a hospital and was removed in a cab to his home, 315 West Ninetieth street

Curtis kept on down Broadway to Fortysecond street, where he was arrested by a traffic policeman.

WANT TURNED HIM ROBBER. Gerwitz Saved From Prison

Woman's Mercy When Samuel Gerwitz, a tailor who had been out of work for a long time, was dispossessed from his home in The Bronx about a month ago he had 17 cents, a wife and five children, the oldest 11. He went out and met Anna Schwartz, a stenographer for a factory, who had \$381 which she had taken from a bank to pay the factory workers

Gerwitz grabbed her by the throat, got the money and ran, but he was caught by a policeman. He pleaded guilty to robbery and came up yesterday before Justice Dowling in the Supreme Court, Criminal

Branch, for sentence.

Lawyer Abe Levy told Gerwitz's story and Justice Dowling said he had investigated it and found it to be true. Miss Schwartz said she had gone to the Gerwitz house and found the family to be in want. Justice Dowling suspended sentence and several jurors gave Gerwitz their cards and told him that they would get work for him.

HAAN'S Rostaurant, Park Row Bld; fection in cuisine and precision in service.

THE STATE COMMITTEE NEARLY UNANIMOUS IN INDORSEMENT.

An Early State Convention to Select Four Delegates at Large in the Secretary's Behalf Called in Response to the Request of His Campaign Managers.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 17,-The Missouri Republican State committee this afternoon indorsed William H. Taft for the Republican nomination for President and selected St. Louis for the meeting place of the State convention, to be held February 27, for the election of a national committeeman and four delegates at large and four alternates to the national Republican convention.

Taft was indorsed with only two dissenting vetes. M. H. Hallet of Nevada from the Fifteenth Congressional district and T. B. Whitledge, holding the proxy of R. A. Marsden of the Thirteenth district, voted against the resolution. Neither spoke on the matter and no objection was offered when a resolution drawn in pursuance to the first vote was introduced. The resolution in full follows:

Resolved, by the Republican State committee of Missouri, that the committee recognizes that the sentiment of the Republicans of Missouri is practically in favor of the nomination of William H. Taft as the candidate of the Republican party for President in 1908; and the committee declares its belief that the Republican electors of the State have absolute confidence in the patriotism. high character and prominent abilities of Mi Taft and believe that in his character, his earning, his experience as a Judge and as an executive officer in all the affairs of life William H. Taft has unequalled strength as a candidate and possesses in the highest degree the qualities that must be possessed by a Republican President.

Resolved, That this committee feels con fident that the nomination of William H. Taft. would unite and strengthen the Republican party in Missouri more than would the nomnation of any other person suggested as a candidate, and with that belief we feel it to be our duty to so express ourselves as to centre on him the sympathy and support of the

The resolution was drawn by J. H. Bothwell, John B. Eggers and N. A. Mozely. The indorsement of Taft followed the recommendation of Chairman Walter S. Dickey who said he believed Taft the choice

of Missouri. The State convention, which will be composed of nearly 1,000 delegates, was empowered to nominate sixteen Presidential electors, fourteen from the Congress districts and two Presidential electors at large. Joseph McCov, former secretary of the Republican State committee, and T. K.

Niedringhaus sought to have the call to be issued later for the State convention to mpower that body to name the Congress district delegates to the national convention. This was stricken out after the call of the national Republican committee was read and discussed

It is understood that the action of the Indiana State committee in calling a February convention to select delegates who will not only vote for Fairbanks in the national convention but between the time of ir selection and the meeting of the vention will do missionary work for the Vice-President spurred the Taft campaign managers to urge the Missouri committee to take similar action.

It is said that the members of the committee were appealed to by the Taft managers to put one State solidly in the field for Taft at as early a date as the Fairbanks

comers in Indiana could get to work. Missouri was selected to be first in the line for Taft because it is believed to be his greatest stronghold and because, on account of the Foraker factional fight in Ohio, his home State could not be utilized to offset Fairbanks's boost in Indiana.

MR. TAFT DUE ON FRIDAY. Steamship President Grant Reports Delay

The Hamburg-American steamship Pres dent Grant, with Secretary Taft aboard, is having heavy weather and probably will not get in until Friday afternoon. A wireless despatch from Capt. Witt to the line's agent here, Emil L. Boas, and that the ship was east of Cape Race a 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning, that all were well and that the steamship was going at reduced speed because of high seas and a head gale. Other passengers aboard the President Grant are Percy McDonald, member of the Municipal Board of Manila; Brig. Gen. C. R. Edwards, Jerome Long and Karl G. Buenz, German Consul-General at this port

FAIRBANKS SLATE MADE UP.

Indiana Republican Leaders Select Dele gates to National Convention. gates to the Republican national conven tion has been made up at the party headquarters here, and when the district conventions meet in February they will have

only to ratify the selections. They are all men who are recognized as the tried and true friends of Vice-President Fairbanks.

The delegates at large will be Senators Hemenway and Beveridge, Gov. Handy and State Chairman Goodrich.

PAY FOR ROOSEVELT'S CARRIAGE.

Norfolk Liveryman Sues the Georgia Exposition Commissioners.

NORFOLK, Dec. 17.-Pay for carriages used by President Roosevelt and others at the Jamestown Exposition on June 10 Georgia Day, is the basis of a suit against Gov. Hoke Smith and twelve other Georgia exposition commissioners, brought by J. A. Pritchett, a liveryman. He claims \$500. It was a big day, many notables were

present and many carriages were used Gov. Smith and his fellow commissioners say that the President and others were suests at the exposition and not of the State of Georgia, and that they are in no way responsible for the carriage hire.

While it is immaterial to Pritchett who pays, he sees a better chance to get \$500 from the Georgia commissioners than from

Wants Cleveland as Convention Delegate Robert Davis, the Democratic leader of Hudson county, N. J., started a boom resterday for the selection of ex-President Grover Cleveland as one of the New Jersey delegates to the Democratic national convention at Denver. The little boss declared that in showing allegiance to Cleveland Hudson's Democracy has not lost any of its love for William J. Bryan.

MISSOURI PLEDGED TO TAFT | CENTRAL PLANS HIGHER FARES. | \$32,000 IN JEWELS DISAPPEAR

It's Response to Order to Show Cause Why Uniform Two Cent Rate Isn't in Force.

ALBANY, Dec. 17 .- Representatives of the SHIPPED HENCE TO WASHING-New York Central and Hudson River Railroad appeared this afternoon before the up-State Public Service Commission in response to an order to show cause why its orie way passenger fares between Buffalo and New York and between all points on its line to New York should not be placed upon a uniform basis of two cents a mile. The fare-from Albany to New York city now is \$3.10, but if one should buy a ticket from Albany to Poughkeepsie and then from Poughkeepsie to New York he would save 23 cents.

The general explanation made by the railroad was that the various inconsistencies had grown up through many years and that the road could not afford to make any further reduction owing to the narrow margin now existing between profit and loss in the passenger department. Particular stress was laid by Ira A. Place, vice president of the Central, as to the legal right of the road to charge more than two cents a mile for through passengers and three cents a mile on the Hudson River division.

C. F. Daly, vice-president in charge the passenger department, supplemente this with the statement that the Centra had at the present time a new tariff which was being printed raising the rates upon the Hudson River division to 21/4 cents mile and making the fare from New York to Albany \$3.60. He admitted that this tariff had not as yet been authorized b the board of directors and might be subject to modifications.

TOM WATSON IN A BREAD WAR

Populist Damns Pullman Corporation Tha Charged Him 10 Cents for Four Slices.

ATLANTA, Dec. 17 .- Four slices of bread | aused a clash to-day between Thomas E. Watson, the Populist, who was recently President Roosevelt's guest, and Pullman Conductor Johnson on a Georgia railroad

Watson was in a Pullman car and went to the buffet to order food. The order included bread, but when the bill was rendered Wat.son became angry because he had been charged for the bread. He protested that to charge for it and that he would not pay.

Watson scared the negro porter who presented the bill and then Conductor Johnson took up the matter. The conductor explained that every item ordered from the buffet was charged secarately and that the bread had to be paid for.

Watson blustered and damned corpora tions and it looked as if he and the conductor would fight. But the conductor stood his ground and told Watson he must pay for the bread or get off the train, so the Populist leader sullenly put up 10 cents.

FIND GUN THAT KILLED GOEBEL. Not Been Cleaned or Used Since Fatal Shot Was Figed in 1900.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Dec. 17.-The Marlin ifle with which Senator Goebel was shot seven years ago has been found and is now in Georgetown.

Albert Helton of Knox county, in whose ing, and the drivers at once reported it." found it some weeks ago. It has never been cleaned or used since the fatal shot was fired at Senator Goebel on January 30, 1900.

Powers to-night completed his evidence under cross-examination and his friends say he has lest no ground, but has laid the foundation for evidence which will give

him a good chance for liberty.

Powers told of having seen Henry E Youtsey, one of the men who have conessed and who is now in the penitentiary, sitting in his office with a gun in his lap looking out of the window at the front He said he protested against Youtsey hav ing a gun about his office and celled in McKinzie Todd to join him in reasoning with Youtsey. Powers and Youtsey were

CABMEN'S STRIKE OFF.

Both Sides Agree to the Old Condition Pending Arbitration.

The strike of the cabmen was called off late last night, a settlement having been reached after a five hour conference between the strikers' executive committee York Livery Stable Owners Association The wages of \$15 a week, which were paid under the agreement expiring December 31, will continue, the old arrangement of ten hours off out of every twenty-four, with an houroff for dinner and an hour for supper, will also be in effect until the question of hours is settled by an arbitration committee consisting of three members from each side, the six to appoint a seventh man as umpire if necessary.

An agreement was signed embodying the terms of settlement by W. H. Seaich for the Livery Stable Owners Association and Edwin Gould for the union. The strikers will all return to work to-day. The settlement was reached through the efforts of Marcus M. Marks, chairman of the conciliation committee of the New York Civic Federation.

PRIZE AUTO CHASER HURT.

sergt. Casey Bumps Into a Taxicab and

Sergt Eugene Casey, the champion auto chaser of the Police Department, came near losing his life last night when he collided with a taxicab at Fifty-ninth street and Sixth avenue. He was speeding north on Sixth avenue on his motor cycle and was just about to turn into Fifty-ninth street when the automobile, in charge of Fred Neal of 203 East Sixty-third street, came bouncing over the Sixth avenue car

Before Casey could swerve or the chauffeur could apply his brake automobile and motor cycle collided. The policeman was thrown under the wheels of the taxicab but managed to roll out of the way before the heavy machine could pass over him.

Casey was placed in the cab and hurried to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was found that both his knees were badly wrenched. Neal was locked up in the West Sixty-eighth street station charged with violating the traffic regulations in net coming to a stop before he attempted to cross the Sixth avenue tracks

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TON BY U. S. EXPRESS

And Missing When the Wagon Got Acros the Ferry-Express Company Helds That Loss Falls on the Shippers, Since

the Package Was Valued at Only \$1,000

The special detectives of the United States Express Company and a number of Detective Bureau sleuths have been working which is believed to have been stolen from an express wagon on its way from the branch office at 7 East Thirty-ninth street over the Jersey Central ferry from West Twenty-third street to Communipaw.

The jewels were shipped by Alfred H Smith & Co., diamond merchants, of 475 Fifth avenue, to their Washington representative, James A. Cheney, at the New Willard Hotel. The name of the purchaser in Washington did not come out last night.

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d	The list of missing jewels is as follows:	
al	Emerald brooch, 13 3-16 carats	\$13,50
h	Ruby and dlamond ring	2,40
n	Heart and diamond cluster ring	
a	Diamond and emerald ring	
k	Diamond cluster ring	31
	Brown marquise ring	1,350
is	Emerald and diamond cluster ring	
y	Opal and diamond cluster ring	
te	Diamond plaque on velvet for collarette	2,080
	Pearl necklace	1,000
	Dlamond horseshoe brooch	1.393
	Opal cardrops	475
١.	Heart dlamond pendant.	2,200
	Diamond and emerald pendant, twenty-	-,
12	eight emeralds	490
	Pearl necklace, containing eighty-three pearls	2,97

\$32,040 When news of the robbery got out last night General Manager L. J. Starkweather of the express company said he wasn't acquainted with the details. He referred inquirers to Joseph Mayhew, the company's special agent. Mr. Mayhew said that good could be served by withholding the facts so long as the robbery had become known

"Last Thursday night." he said, "Alfred bread should be free, that it was an outrage | H. Smith & Co. of 475 Fifth avenue sent a package to the branch office at 7 East Forty-ninth street for shipment. The package was eighteen inches long and four inches thick. It was received there as a valuable package by one of our drivers When the valuation was asked for the representative of the diamond firm said he package was worth \$1,000. The shipcing rate for valuables is at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,900. At the valuation given the diamond firm had to pay only \$1.35. whereas at the correct valuation the charges would have been \$23.35.

"Had we known the value of the package t would have been shipped in a safe, and a special messenger would have been sent along to guard it. As it was the package was simply put on a wagon with other express packages and no unusual care was taken. The wagon that carried the gems left the branch office at about 7 o'clock and went over the Jersey Central ferry from It was given by Henry E. Youtsey to Twenty-third street. When the wagen a man named McKnight, who gave it to got to Communipaw the package was miss-

and the Manhattan Police Headquarters detectives had been working on the case since last Friday they hadn't struck any very strong clues, although they have had

An official of the express company said last night that under an amendment to the interstate commerce law which went into effect about six months ago, requiring that the value of articles shipped by express from one State to another be correctly stated at the time of shipment, the company is not liable for a dollar for the loss of the \$32,000 worth of gems. A year ago it would have had to pay the \$1,000 valuation put on the package by the shippers.

BANKER DEAD IN BATHTUB.

Death of Cashler Just After Bank's Ex-NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 17 .-Frederick E. Sargeant, cashier and vicepresident of the Jewelers' National Bank,

was found dead in the bathtub in his apart ments to-night Medical Examiner Holden after viewing the body expressed the opinion that death

was due to accident. Mr. Sarge nt's death, following closely after an examination of the bank's books yesterday by Bank Examiner Currier, in terested the directors, and a long conference was held a the bank to-night

The president of the Jewelers' National

Bank is Albert H. Wiggin, who is also president of the Chase National Bank of Nev York city, and the directors talked with him by telephone to-night about whether the bank should be opened to-morrow.

President Wiggin gave orders to con-tinue business to-morrow and at the same time issued a call for a full meeting of the The examination made yesterday was the

regular one and at the same time the directors were in session. According to some of the directors, everything seemed all right at that time. Cashier Sargeant was 37 years old and

before coming here, in 1902, was employed by the State Street Trust Company and the Commonwealth Trust Company, both of Boston, Mr. Sargeant was prominent in other lines of business, being a director of the

Roger Williams Insurance Company of Providence, a member of the firm of Miller. Fuller & Whiting of this town and of P. J. Callowill & Co., die sinkers and hub cutters Three years ago he was married to Miss Marion Morgan of Auburndale and, with his wife was prominent in the social life of this

SEES WIFE'S SLAYERS DIE.

in Electric Chair at Trenton TRENTON, Dec. 17 .- Edward Horner, a

Camden county farmer, 65 years old, witnessed to-day the death in the electric chair of Charles Gibson and Stephen Dorsay, negroes, who after firing his barn murdered his wife and servant, Victoria Natoli, and robbed his home.

Mr. Horner had been patiently waiting for the day when justice should be meted out to the destroyers of his home and at his own request was called upon to witness the dual execution. He sat unmoved in the front row of seats during the entire pro-ceedings and never permitted his eyes to leave the prisoners after they had been brought into the death chamber.

44 MILES AN HOUR.

New British Destroyer Makes an Amazing Trial Record.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 17.—The torpedo boat destroyer Tartar made a record mile on the Maplin course to-day, travelling at the rate of forty-four miles an hour.

NO WIRELESS LOVE MESSAGES

To Officers of Floot From Wives and Sweethearts-Good News for Capt. Murdock.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The hard hearted officials of the Navy Department will not since last Friday on the disappearance of a | allow the deserted wives and aweethearts package of jewels valued at over \$32,000, of officers on board the battleship fleet to send final farewell messages over the wire less system of the Department.

The Department, however, sent a wire less message to-day to Capt. Joseph B. Murdock of the battleship Rhode Island saying that his wife's condition was improved Mrs. Murdock is suffering from an at-York and for a time it was feared that her illness would prevent Capt. Murdock accompanying the fleet.

NO PHILADELPHIA OPERA HOUSE Oscar Hammerstein Puts a "For Sale" Sign on Site He Bought.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17 .- Oscar Hammer stein, who planned to build an opera house here and who bought for \$150,000 a site at Broad and Poplar streets, telegraphed his agents to-day to put a "for sale" sign on the property.

Mr. Hammerstein insisted that thirty persons subscribe \$5,000 each for perpetual boxes. Only twenty-one responded.

TOM FOLEY SELLS HIS SALOON.

Sheriff-Elect Says He's Out of the Liquor Business for Good. Sheriff-elect Tom Foley has sold his saloon opposite the Criminal Courts Build-

ing, on the corner of Franklin and Centre

streets. He wants to be out of the liquor business when he becomes Sheriff. The buyer is John H. Voege, who for eighteen years ran a saloon at First avenue and Twenty-fifth street. Some weeks ago Voege disposed of his place for \$65,000. and on Monday gave a check to Foley for nearly the whole amount he got from the sale of his First avenue store. Just what the price was Foley refused yesterday to make known. Foley had already disposed of his South street place. He says he is

GAMBLING FOR OFFICES FAILS. President Nominate: a Camble Man and

out of the business for good.

littredge's Committee Has the Say. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-It was manifest to-day that the lottery conducted at the White House recently to settle the disputes between the two Senators from South Dakota in regard to patronage has not resulted to the entire satisfaction of all con-

cerned. The President sent in to-day the name of Edward E: Wagner as United States Attorney for the district of South Dakota. The nomination was made on the recommendation of Senator Camble. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for investigation and report. Senator Kittredge is a member of that committee. He will oppose the nomination, because ing and for other and sufficient reasons. It is certain that the nomination will not

be reported at an early day if ever WIRELESS FROM THE FLEET.

at Noon Yesterday The DeForest company's wireless tele graph station at Manhattan Beach picked up the following message from Vice-Admiral Robley D. Evans, in command of the Pacific fleet, at 9:30 o'clock last night

north; longitude, 73 deg., 9 min. west. Fair weather. All well. "EVANS, Commanding. "U. S. S. Connecticut. The figures, if correctly given, put the

"At noon to-day latitude 33 deg., 29 min.

fleet off the coast a little north of Charleston. S. C., at noon yesterday. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.-The wireess station at the navy yard here was in ommunication last night with the battleship fleet. The first message received was

one from the flagship Connecticut. It read as fellows: "Battleship Connecticut, now forty miles northeast of Cape Hatteras, heading S. S. E.; maintaining speed of ten knots; ships are

now sailing in four columns abreast." WILL WED OVERALL GIRL. indiana Farmer Answers Note He Found in Garment Made in Poughkeepsie.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Dec 17 .- Fred Broddy, rich farmer, left to-day for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to marry Miss Agnes Adams on Christmas Day

About a year ago Broddy brought a pair of overalls. On a strip of linen attached the waistband was the name of Miss Adams, the maker, with a request that the purchaser write to her.

Broddy accepted the challenge, photographs were exchanged and an engagement followed. Broddy has remodelled his home for the reception of his bride.

BLUE XMAS IN RHODE ISLAND. Saloons Will Be Closed and Preachers Want

Dancing Prohibited Too. PROVIDENCE, December 17.-Rhode Island dergymen are making a strenuous effort to have a blue Christmas. As a result of the efforts of the Rev. A. R. Cristy, agent of the Anti-Saloon League, backed by petitions of the ministers, the police commissioners of Providence and Newport have served notices on the saloon keepers that all must

be closed on December 25. In Woonsocket the ministers have gone Mr. Cristy one better. They will not only ask the Board of Aldermen to close the saloons but to forbid dancing on that day.

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"We consider that dancing would be derogatory to the law of the Church and almost a desceration of the sacredness of the day. We earnestly beg your honorable board to take an equal action in regard to dancing in the public halls of the city and forbid it on that day."

Collects for Doctoring His Father-in-Law A jury in the Supreme Court before Justice Seabury rendered a verdict of \$8,812 yesterday in favor of Dr. Richard F. Burke and against the executors of the estate of his father-in-law, Felix A. Mulgrew, for professional services rendered to Mr. Mulgrew and his family.

SUNDAY VAUDEVILLE, PERHAPS

ALDERMEN PASS DOULL'S ORDI-NANCE UNCHANGED.

Mayor, It Is Understood, Will Sign It-"Any Other Entertainment of the Stage or Any Part or Parts Therein" Amended

Out of Charter-State Law Followed.

The Aldermen did what they could yeaterdar to do away with "blue Sundays." What it amounts to will be decided later. The board passed the Doull ordinance. which theatrical men thin's permits vaudeville performances on Sunday. he ordinance is rather neat in its way. It reverts to the language of the Penal Code itself, which is not so sweeping as that of the resent section 1481 of the Charter. The Cuarter forbids plays, speras, &:... "or any other entertainment of the stage or any part or parts therein." The code says nothing about "any other entertainment of the stage" and puts "or any part or parts therein" after a catalogue of forbidden things, so that it reads "trial of strength or any part or parts therein." The Doull ordinance strikes out "any other entertainment of the stage" and leaves it to be suessed, just as the code does. what "part or parts therein" qualifies That is, it s'mp' repeats the law of the

State. Then it adds this proviso-Provided, however, that nothing hereis ontained shall be deemed to prohibit at any such place or places on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, sacred or educational, vocal or instrumental c ectures, addresses, recitations and singing. provided that such above mentioned enterainments shall be given in such a manner as not to disturb the public peace or amount to serious interruption of the repuse and religious liberty of the community.

The Republican majority of the Committee of Laws and egislation put bank the Charter prohibition of "any other entertainment of the stage or any part or parts therein" with the proviso:

Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prohibit at any such place or places on said first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, wholly sacred or educational, vocal or instrumental oncerts, lectures, addresses, recitations, readings, or singing, provided that such entertainments shall be given in such manner as not to disturb the public peace or to disturb or interrupt the quiet, repose and the religious observances of the community and of the neighborhoods in which such place or places may be situated.

The Republican committeemen thought that their amended ordinance would be the only one presented to the meeting vesterday, but Alderman Morris, who besides being an Alderman is the Tammany leader of the Thirty-fifth district, introduced a minority report which appealed to the board to pass the Doull measure.

After nearly three hours of discussion the Doull ordinance was passed by a vote of 47 to 18. Canon Chase, who had threatened to get out some kind of injunction proceedings, went down to the Mayor's office to ask the Mayor not to sign the ordinance until its opponents had had a chance to appeal to him in public hearing to veto it. The Mayor had left his office, but the clergyfor a public hearing. The Mayor will call the hearing before the end of the week if he gives one, so that he can sign the ordi-

nance before next Sunday. Aside from the throngs of persons who filled the gallery of the Aldermen's Chamber and packed the aisles the principal feature of the meeting was Alderman Henry Clay Peters, who got himself hissed and hooted at by other members of the board, Tammany and Republican alike. Two weeks ago Peters called the Mayor a "fraud Mayor." President McGowan ruled that Peters would have to apologize or he would not be recognized again when he rose to speak. Peters refused to retract and yesterday he kept bobbing up and down for recognition, but Mr. McGowan's official eye never once alighted on him and at last Peters started in without waiting for recog-

be heard above the din. Mr. McGowan ordered him to take his seat, but Peters refused. In a momentary Iull Mr. McGowan "If you do not take your seat I will send for a policeman and have you removed

from this chamber."

Mr. McGowan set to work with his gavel

and it was only in spots that Peters could

"You will do that at your peril," screamed Peters. "I will take legal action against you. You are prostituting the power you have in this board for political purposes The rest of the sentence was lost in the hammering, and the sergeant at arms fin-

ally succeeded in forcing Peters into his

chair. When the vote was taken Peters wanted to explain his vote. Down came the gavel again and Mr. McGowan exclaimed: "How does the Alderman vote? He will not be permitted to speak." Peters broke out again, but it was impossible to hear what he was shricking because of the hissing and the hammering. Once more the sergeant at arms pushed him back into his seat, but not before he had been heard to say that the members of the board were all as guilty of as much blackguardism in their treatment of him as the president. Peters refused to vote on the ground that his right

to speak had been denied. Richard Welling, secretary of the New York Symphony Society, not taking any chances of Mayor McClellan vetoing the Doull ordinance, secured an injunction yesterday in the Supreme Court waich will make it possible for the society to give its regular concert next tunday afternoon in Carnegie Hall.

ENGINEER FOILS ROBBERS: Rushes Train Past Danger Signal-Posse Hunting Bandits.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 17 .- An attempt to rob Northern Pacific train No. 3, a vestibuled through train from St. Paul, was made early to-day a few miles from Spokane. The robbers were outwitted, and a big posse which left this city on a special is

now searching for them.

The robbery was averted by the daring of the engineer, who, suspecting a plot, refused to stop at a red lantern waved across the track. The engineer applied more steam and fairly shot past the warn-ling signal.

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